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The House met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore [Mr. WALKER].

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC.
September 30, 1996.

I hereby designate the Honorable ROBERT S. WALKER to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Rev. James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

Let us pray using the words of the beloved hymn by Isaac Watts:

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,

Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.

We pray, gracious God, that Your blessing will be with those who seek to do their daily work in ways that help other people. As the words of the hymn remind, we know that we can place our trust in Your grace and in Your goodness for Your mercy gives us hope and our eternal home. So bless each one and strengthen us with your abiding hand.

The Lord bless us and keep us,
The Lord make His face shine upon us and be gracious unto us,
The Lord lift up His countenance upon us and give us peace. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. HASTERT] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. HASTERT led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. McDevitt, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed without amendment bills, a joint resolution, and concurrent resolutions of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 543. An act to reauthorize the National Marine Sanctuaries Act, and for other purposes;

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WILLIAM M. THOMAS, *Chairman.*

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